



## ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS

Southern California Section

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### NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2004

**Meeting Date:** **Tuesday, September 14, 2004**  
**Location:** Steven's Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, Commerce, CA  
**Time:** Social Hour: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 7:00 PM; Presentations: 7:45 PM  
**Reservations:** Call (949) 253-5924 ex 564, or email Brian Villalobos, by **Noon, Monday, September 13**  
**Cost:** \$25 per person with reservations, \$30 at the door; \$12 for students with valid student ID.  
**Presenter:** Dr. John Parrish – Executive Officer, State Mining and Geology Board, and  
Mr. Paul Sweeney – Executive Director, Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists  
**Topic:** California Performance Review Report as it Pertains to our Profession

Both Dr. Parrish and Mr. Sweeney have been asked to discuss the California Performance Review (CPR) Report and specifically those sections that deal with the merger of the Boards. Mr. Sweeney will give a summary of the CPR process and the proposed merger of the Geology boards. Dr. Parrish will discuss the merger and why he favors it.

If you are interested in reviewing the CPR report in advance of the meeting, you can access the document on the web at <http://report.cpr.ca.gov/>. Refer to RES08 for language regarding the merger of the Boards, and Chapter 8 for a discussion of placement of the Boards in the Department of Conservation, Natural Resources Division. Please note that the CPR is also proposing to eliminate the California REA program. This is of interest to a significant number of our members also, and we would like to hear from the REAs in our membership as to their position regarding that proposal.

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**Chair Column (by Tania Gonzalez)**

Dear southern California members of AEG: This is my last chair column. I am pleased to pass on the baton to Matt Hawley, who is all set to take on leadership of this group. In anticipation of his new responsibilities, Matt has put together a group of very motivated individuals to become the new Section officers. These people are:

Charles Nestle as Vice-Chair  
 Brian Villalobos as Treasurer  
 Rox Munro as Secretary, and  
 Jon Relyea as Newsletter Editor

Please welcome them with open arms! It is very encouraging to see members volunteering for these positions. If the number of e-mails I have been receiving lately is an indicator, I am seeing more individuals interested in AEG affairs, and actually offering their services to the organization. This is wonderful, especially since we are seeing a whole series of proposals, especially at the State level that have the potential to impact our profession, and that will require our concerted response. The immediate issue at hand is our position on the California Performance Review (the topic of this month's meeting). Expect more e-mails regarding this subject in the next few months. There is also still the proposal to change our title from RG to PG. And in 2005, our Board will come up for Sunset review again.

Within AEG itself, implementation of the Strategic Plan will require hundreds of hours of volunteers' time. There are literally dozens of opportunities for members to participate in this process, and I encourage all of you to be a part of it.

A little more than two years ago, when Dave Seymour asked me to step up as Section Chair, I was hesitant about taking on the challenge and responsibilities that come with the job. I am now glad I did not say "No". I have grown as a result of this experience, learning quite a bit about the history and practice of our profession along the way, and also making many new friends in the process. Of course, we never function in a vacuum, and there are definitely some individuals that I need and want to recognize for their help these last two years. First and foremost, my husband and fellow engineering

geologist, Quin Kinnebrew. He has unwaveringly provided the backup at home that allowed me to represent our Section at several meetings, both locally and out-of-state. My daughters have also been understanding, encouraging, and even interested in my job as Chair. My eldest always looked forward to editing my monthly newsletter columns! Eldon Gath has helped me navigate through the convoluted history of the AEG, and as always, has encouraged me to step out of the box. Matt Hawley is responsible for organizing the very successful student night last December, and signing up several other great speakers, and has definitely stepped up to the plate with the CPR issues. Brian Villalobos and Jeff Kofoed helped with the Section affairs, keeping both headquarters and our members informed. Joe Cota, Buzz Spellman, and Hugh Robertson have consistently cheered me on, but their dedicated review of all legislative issues is what makes them absolutely invaluable. To each of you above, my sincerest "Thank you".

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the next Section meetings. I also encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting in Dearborn. The annual meetings provide an excellent forum to learn or re-learn geological concepts and techniques, and to network with people with similar interests. They are also a lot of fun.

Sincerely,  
 Your outgoing Section Chair

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **RGS Engineering Geology (9-04)**

#### **Staff Geologist**

RGS Geosciences has an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated individual seeking a mid-level engineering geologic position for residential, commercial, and municipal projects. The ideal candidate will be placed on a fast track and exposed to multiple project phases ranging from investigation to remediation, with an overall career path towards project management to meet client needs and complement other staff skills. The desired candidate will have the ability to perform independent hands-on fieldwork, and oversee contractors and other field personnel. The position requires an individual who thrives in a team-oriented environment. Flexibility to work on a multitude of diverse projects, a positive attitude, willingness to learn, and commitment to workplace health and safety are imperative.

#### **Job Description:**

- Site investigation, field geologic mapping, coordination and oversight of subsurface exploratory borings and trenches.
- Perform soil/rock sampling and assist in the development of laboratory testing programs
- Complete test trench and boring logs, prepare geologic cross sections, maps, and other illustrations
- Groundwater sampling and analysis
- Assist in engineering evaluations for slope stability, liquefaction analysis, fault and seismic exposure analysis, settlement, foundation design, and other geotechnical factors related to earthwork.
- Preparation of geologic and geotechnical reports relating to development of residential, commercial, and municipal projects.

#### **Experience/Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Geology or related science
- Graduate level education preferred but not required
- 2-4 years experience with field investigations (geologic mapping, exploratory borings/trenches) ---Experience in southern California preferred
- Candidate should be knowledgeable in earthwork and grading operations for hillside and large scale projects.
- Strong technical writing skills and exemplary time management skills
- Experience with engineering analysis and evaluations including slope stability, liquefaction, stereonet projections, foundation design, environmental engineering and earthwork/grading.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficient computer skills including word processing and excel. Other geologic software experience, including slope stability, liquefaction, fault/seismic design parameters, seismicity, and autocad preferred.
- OSHA 40-hour HAZWOPER/CPN Nuclear Gage training a plus.
- Valid California drivers' license, current DMV printout, and vehicle for use to travel to various sites.
- Able to lift up to 50 lbs. on a routine basis
- All candidates are required to provide a post-offer/pre-employment drug test and physical

**Please respond ASAP if you would like consideration.** This is an immediate opening in the Inland Empire region of southern California. For immediate consideration please fax resume and salary history to Rosa Garcia at (909) 945-2407 or mail to RGS Geosciences, 8800 Onyx Avenue, Suite D, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

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**City of Los Angeles (8-04)**

The City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety is currently searching for a licensed Geotechnical Engineer for the position of Geotechnical Engineer I in the Grading Division. The work environment is very fast-paced with constant challenges. The salary is competitive with excellent benefits. Anyone interested in this position should contact Andy Szpikowski (213 /482-0493) or Dana Prevost (213/482-0488)

**Allan E. Seward (7-04)**

Allan E. Seward Engineering Geology, Inc. (AESEGI) is an established company for over 26 years with an office in the City of Santa Clarita. AESEGI now employs a current staff of approximately 22, which includes Registered Geotechnical and Civil Engineers, Certified Engineering Geologists, Staff Engineers and Geologists, Laboratory and Field Technicians as well as our office support staff.

We are currently seeking a staff/project-level geotechnical engineer and a soil technician to join our professional team to perform geotechnical investigations in Northern Los Angeles County and adjoining cities. We are interested in dynamic and motivated individuals with the leadership skills to grow within an expanding operation. We offer an excellent compensation package.

Please send resume to:

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**Ninyo & Moore (7-04)**

Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants has an immediate opening for Staff and Sr. Staff Geologists and Geotechnical Engineers in their San Diego and Irvine, CA offices. Please send your resume to Carol Price at Ninyo & Moore, 475 Goddard, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618, or fax your resume to (949) 753-7071.

Immediate openings exist for Geotechnical Engineers and Geologists and a Senior Technical Marketing Associate in their San Diego office. Submit resumes to our Corporate office: Ninyo & Moore, 5710 Ruffin Road, San Diego, California 92123, Attention: Ms. Margot A. Graves (EOE) Please visit us at our web site at [www.ninyoandmoore.com](http://www.ninyoandmoore.com)

**American Geotechnical (7-04)**

American Geotechnical a twenty year old geotechnical consulting firm is seeking mid to sr level CEG's to join our growing team. We have great salary and benefits package based on experience. Master preferred. Excellent written and verbal skills required. 5 years of Construction and Forensic experience a minimum. Please e-mail [Langenwj@amgt.com](mailto:Langenwj@amgt.com) plain text only or contact me at 714/685-3907x234 to find out more about this great opportunity.

Jennifer langenwalter, Client Services Director  
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**Geomatrix/Accolo**

Accolo, a community helping each other find jobs and people for jobs, has been asked to help fill this job. To apply or refer someone you know, please go to:

<http://www.accolo.com/webapp/orion/public/ReferApplyJob.jsp?ID1=`enexy>

We are seeking a Project Geologist/Hydrogeologist, for work on groundwater supplies; characterizing soil and groundwater conditions for site cleanup and redevelopment at a former industrial facility; or contributing to two wastewater expansion projects at a potato-processing facility in Argentina.

Geomatrix is a mid-sized, employee-owned firm with about 300 people in offices throughout the U.S. and Canada. As a project team geologist/hydrogeologist based in Costa Mesa, California, your first assignments will prove your adaptability as you supervise drilling, sample soil and groundwater, test aquifers, and analyze and interpret data. In the field, you will exercise judgment as a project manager, scoping out project parameters, selecting sub-contractors, assigning staff and overseeing the entire field program. In house, you will analyze data and report your findings to clients and regulatory agencies. Working with an upwardly mobile organization that fosters continuing education for its people, you will not just sharpen your existing skills but broaden them significantly.

Jerry Bires, Accolo Consultant, 415-785-7833, x209

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**| Provost and Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. (7-04)**

The ideal candidate would have a BS in geologic science, MS, preferably in hydrogeology. 3-5 years experience, knowledge of range of modeling tools in Quantitative Risk Assessment . Understanding of regulatory environment, chemistry background and registered Geologist/Hydrogeologist. Broad based duties may include preparation of cost estimates, workplans and permits; scheduling and oversight of utility locating, geophysics, excavation, drillers, and construction subcontractors; geologic and hydrogeologic interpretation from soil borings, excavations, trenches and monitor wells; installation of groundwater and vadose zone wells; sampling of groundwater, soils, and soil gases; remediation feasibility testing, design, construction, and implementation; data analysis and report preparation; and project and budget management.

Compensation: salary commensurate with qualifications. Great benefit package including 401(k), ESOP, medical, vision, dental, and more. Refer to the Provost & Pritchard website for additional information about Provost & Pritchard.

Interested candidates should submit resumes to [jbazarian@ppeng.com](mailto:jbazarian@ppeng.com).

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